



Venice Neighborhood Council

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Joint meeting of Parking and Transportation Committee and Board of Directors – Agenda

Paloma Venice | 600 S Venice Blvd, Venice, CA 90291

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7:00PM

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CALL TO ORDER AND BOARD ROLL CALL

Robert Thibodeau (Chair)		Elizabeth Clay	
Evan Corrigan (Co-Chair)		Selena Inouye	
Alyson Wilson		James Murez (ex-officio)	

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COMMITTEE REPORTS



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OLD BUSINESS

1. COMMUNITY PLAN AND LAND USE/SPECIFIC PLANS

- a. **Item for discussion and possible action:** Discussion of these plans, their impact on Venice, and development of new plans by the city. To discuss status of new community plan and format and manner of input into the community plan.

Community Plan - https://planning.lacity.org/odocument/b1ce0423-e344-4dc1-8dfe-3f493eaddf6c/Venice_Community_Plan.pdf; Land Use Plan - <https://planning.lacity.org/odocument/d0a7f30b-87c1-430e-8415-5b5e30d230e7/venluptxt.pdf>

- b. **Public Comment:**
- c. **Committee Discussion:**
- d. **Possible Motion:**

2. VENICE BLVD MOBILITY IMPROVEMENTS

- a. **Item for Discussion:** General discussion for Venice stakeholders to give their input into the design of the project, for the PTC to relay to LADOT/CD11

- b. **Public Comment:**
- c. **Committee Discussions:**
- d. **Possible Motion:**

3. GENERAL LINCOLN BLVD IMPROVEMENTS

- a. **Item for Discussion:** Changes are coming to Lincoln Blvd. The relinquishment from CalTrans and repaving and re-organization of Lincoln Blvd during the Lincoln Fast Forward initiative, presents an opportunity to add in green elements that promote walkability and further increase commuter safety, whatever the mode. Housing



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and development is also just starting on Lincoln Blvd. Density bonuses, state mandates and incentives will accelerate this transition.

Through these changes, the community has demonstrated a strong interest in the reimagining of Lincoln Boulevard and developing a cohesive plan for its future. This includes some of the following points:

- Under-grounding power lines / poles to decrease visual blight and allow for large and beneficial trees to be planted.
- Reduce Barriers to Pedestrian Access and Comfort
- Maintain and Improve Vehicle Flow
- Improve and Diversify Landscaping and Tree Canopy
- Enhance Transit Ridership and Efficiency

b. Public Comment:

c. Committee Discussions:

d. Possible Motion:

4. ABBOT KINNEY TRAFFIC CALMING

a. Traffic slowing on Abbot Kinney between Venice and Washington.

b. Public Comment:

c. Committee discussion:

d. **Motion:** Whereas, for months, members of the community living adjacent to Abbot Kinney Blvd, between Venice and Washington Blvd, have urgently reached out to the PTC requesting traffic calming measures, improved bike infrastructure, and a safer crosswalk and a sidewalk at the intersection of Marr St and Abbot Kinney Blvd, the PTC recommends the VNC approves suggestions of safety improvement measures in this corridor, including:

I. Raising the crosswalk at the intersection of Marr St and Abbot Kinney Blvd.



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II. The filling in of extraneously wide / slip lanes and addition of painted continental crosswalks at the following intersections of Abbot Kinney Blvd, in the following order of priority: Washington Way, Woodlawn Ave., Angelus Pl. and Crestmoore Pl.

III. The request for a boundary survey on the east side of the Marr St (just south of Abbot Kinney) to study the possible addition of a sidewalk.

IV. The addition of a striped, painted, and buffered, protected or unprotected bike lane.

In addition, the PTC recommends that the VNC distribute these suggestions to CD11 and LADOT.

e.

Maker

Seconded

Vote: (Yes / No / Abstained / Recused / Ineligible)

NEW BUSINESS:

2. WRONG-WAY TRAFFIC ON DELL AVENUE, THROUGH THE VENICE CANALS

a. **Item description:** REQUEST THAT THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES COME UP WITH A SOLUTION TO STOP THE WRONG-WAY TRAFFIC ON DELL AVENUE, THROUGH THE VENICE CANALS, BETWEEN 28TH AVE AND SOUTH VENICE BLVD.

b. Public Comment:

c. Committee discussion:

d. **Motion:**

WHEREAS, wrong-way (south-bound) traffic on Dell Avenue through the Venice Canals, results in confusion and collisions; and

WHEREAS, recently there have been at least two serious accidents on



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the bridge over Carroll Canal.

Be it resolved, The Venice Neighborhood Council requests the City of Los Angeles address this safety issue with a solution to stop wrong-way traffic on Dell Avenue, through the Venice Canals, between 28th Avenue and South Venice Blvd

Distribution List:

Maker

Seconded

Vote: (Yes / No / Abstained / Recused / Ineligible)

3. IKE INTERACTIVE KIOSK PROGRAM

- a. **Item description:** IKE is the City's plan to install hundreds of digital ad structures on City sidewalks. The IKE 8-foot tall, two-sided digital advertising structures are being billed as a means of assisting tourists in navigating the City
- b. Public Comment:
- c. Committee discussion:
- d. **Motion:**

Refers to City Council file 22-1154

The VNC files a CIS opposing the IKE program as presented in Council File 22-1154 for the following reasons:

- There is no local competitive bidding process
- This project needs a financial analysis, as it is using public space to generate revenue.
- This project has negative environmental impacts and there is no environmental review (CEQA).
- This project creates visual pollution and takes away space on the sidewalk that could be used for trees.
- This project is a source of driver distraction, which is contrary to the City's Vision Zero policy.

Maker

Seconded

Vote: (Yes / No / Abstained / Recused / Ineligible)

3. REQUEST OF AUDIT OF STAP PROGRAM



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- a. **Item description:** Motion regarding STAP Program/Request for Audit
- b. Public Comment:
- c. Committee discussion:
- d. **Motion:** Whereas the VNC, a member of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils, is concerned about the current status and management of the STAP program under the new contractor, Tranzito-Vector. Motion that the VNC support the WRAC request for an audit of the program by the City Controller and Chief Administration Officer's (CAO) office of the revenues and expenditures for this new STAP program, and file a CIS requesting the audit (Council File No. 20-1536-S4).

Maker

Seconded

Vote: (Yes / No / Abstained / Recused / Ineligible)

4. Resolution to Return to Weekly Street Sweeping Services Near the Boardwalk and Commercial Corridors at Venice Beach

- a. **Item description:** Whereas, Venice Beach, its Boardwalk, and commercial corridors, including Rose Avenue, Abbot Kinney Boulevard, and sections of Main Street, Venice Boulevard, and Washington Boulevard, are major tourist destinations, hosting over 10 million visitors annually; and,
Whereas, most of these millions of tourists park along commercial streets and in residential neighborhoods adjacent to these commercial corridors; and,
Whereas, these visitors routinely deposit massive amounts of food waste, food wrappers and containers, and beverage bottles on city streets and in gutters next



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to where they park and along streets and gutters which are the common pathways to and from the Beach, Boardwalk, and restaurants and shops; and,

Whereas, the City of Los Angeles unilaterally, without consultation with any neighborhood council, and in direct violation of the requirement contained in the Los Angeles City Charter that the city must consult with neighborhood councils in advance of significant budget decisions, reduced street sweeping in Venice from once a week to once every two weeks; and,

Whereas, the city's pandemic emergency order has been officially voided and Venice can expect that warmer weather this spring and summer will bring a return of tens of thousands of visitors to our beach and community;

- b. Public Comment:
- c. Committee discussion:
- d. **Motion:** Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Venice Neighborhood Council calls upon the city to return to once-a-week street sweeping within three blocks of the Beach, the Boardwalk, commercial sections of Main Street, Rose Avenue, commercial sections of Abbot Kinney Boulevard, and commercial sections of Venice Boulevard and Washington Boulevard, and upon passage this Resolution a letter shall be sent to Mayor Karen Bass (Mayor.Bass@lacity.org) and Councilmember Traci Park (Councilmember.Park@lacity.org).

Maker ___

Seconded ___

Vote: (___ Yes / ___ No / ___ Abstained / ___ Recused / ___ Ineligible)

5. Resolution for Reinstatement and Resumption of Enforcement of LAMC 85.02

- a. **Item description:** Whereas, the City of Los Angeles effectively preserved parking and the quiet enjoyment of residential neighborhoods for residents with the adoption and enforcement of LAMC 85.02; and, Whereas, the city allowed LAMC 85.02 to lapse in January 2020; and, Whereas, there is now widespread lodging in various vehicles in Venice on residential streets, resulting in loss of parking for residents, and various noxious behavior including dumping of food waste and trash on streets and sidewalks, storage of personal possessions on sidewalks, late night noise, and urinating and defecating on adjacent public and private property; and,



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Whereas, some vehicles used as dwellings on city streets are being advertised and rented for profit by their owners; and
Whereas, the city's pandemic emergency order has ended and with it any and all prohibitions on enforcing parking ordinances;

- b. Public Comment:
- c. Committee discussion:
- d. **Motion:** Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Venice Neighborhood Council (VNC) calls upon the Los Angeles City Council to re-adopt LAMC 85.02 with an urgency clause, and to amend LAMC 85.02 at the same time to clarify that if one side of a block is residential then both sides of the street will carry the prohibition on dwelling in a vehicle, and It Is Further Resolved, if citywide enforcement is not obtained, that the VNC calls upon Councilwoman Traci Park to introduce a Venice-specific version of 85.02 to address the widespread incidence of vehicle dwelling in Venice due to its popularity as a beach and tourist destination and upon passage this Resolution a letter shall be sent to Mayor Karen Bass (Mayor.Bass@lacity.org) and Councilmember Traci Park (Councilmember.Park@lacity.org).

Maker ___
Seconded ___
Vote: (___ Yes / ___ No / ___ Abstained / ___ Recused / ___ Ineligible)

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